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Applicant: Walter GUMBRECHT et al.
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Title: DNA CHIP COMPRISING A MICROARRAY MADE OF AN MICROELECTRODE SYSTEM
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COMMENTS ON THE EXAMINER'S STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

Sir:

In response to the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance attached to the Notice of Allowance mailed on April 3, 2009, Applicants submit the following comments.

The Examiner offers several reasons why the claims of the present application are allowable over the cited art of record. Although Applicants agree that the various limitations of the claims are not taught, or suggested, by the cited art taken either singly or in combination, Applicants do not necessarily agree with any of the Examiner's characterizations of what the cited art does allegedly teach. Further, Applicants wish to emphasize that each claim should be limited solely by the limitations set forth therein and should not be limited, in any way, by Examiner's statements regarding limitations not set forth therein. Finally,

Applicants note that it is each claim, taken as a whole, including the interrelationships and interconnections between various claimed elements, which is allowable over the cited art of record.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Donald J. Daley (Reg. No. 34,313) at the telephone number below.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 08-0750 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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